**LIVING HOPE OPC ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**for Sunday, September 1st, 2024 at 10:45 AM**

**Opening Song** – O Church Arise

**Gospel Greeting** – To the church of God . . . with all the saints . . . Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 1:1b-2

**Call to Worship Hymn** – Trinity Psalter Hymnal 100A – Shout to the Lord, All the Earth

**Call to Worship** – The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! Psalm 99:1-3

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** – NTH 6 – O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

**Reading of the Law** – Luke 10:25-28

*(Silent Confession of Sin)*

**General Confession of Sin** – Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. For you have promised, O Father, that if we confess our sins, you will be faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – by the blood of your Son, Jesus. Restore to us the joy of your salvation by the power of your Holy Spirit. And enable us, by your grace, to walk in the light of your Gospel, and to show fellow sinners the way of repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

**Exhortation to Give** – Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**Collection with Prayer** (Offertory: NTH 562 – All to Jesus, I Surrender)

**Doxology** – NTH 731

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Medley**

– NTH 644 – May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

– NTH 662 – Lord, Take My Life

**Scripture Readings** – OT: Psalm 119:9-16 / NT: Hebrews 5:7-6:3

Psalm 119:9–16 (ESV)

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! 13 With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. 14 In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Hebrews 5:7–6:3 (ESV)

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. 11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. 1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** – An Exposition of Hebrews 5:11-6:3: “From Gospel Milk to Gospel Meat”

Gospel milk is for spiritual babes, but Gospel meat for the spiritually mature:

1. Spiritual maturity is hindered by spiritual dullness. (Hebrews 5:11-12)
2. Spiritual maturity is moving on from Gospel milk to Gospel meat. (Hebrews 5:13-14)
3. Spiritual maturity is built on foundational doctrines – but God alone grants that maturity. (Hebrews 6:1-3)

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response** – NTH 181 – We Come, O Christ to Thee

**Benediction** – Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17